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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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10/12/2009: Eric, SM1TDE has been issued C56SMT for his vacation in The Gambia from 10 December 2009 to 3 January 2010. QRV holiday style on CW, 2 kHz from the band edges, as well as some RTTY and SSB. QSL via his home call, preferably through the bureau. [NG3K]

10/12/2009: Victor, N8OO and Andrei, NP3D will be active as HR2/N8OO and HR2/NP3D respectively from Honduras between 10-20th December. QRV all HF bands, CW, RTTY and SSB. Victor will participate in the 10 Metre ARRL DX Contest and Andrei will be in OK DX RTTY Contest. QSL info: HR2/N8OO - via home call or via UA9TF for ex CIS. HR2/NP3D, HQ2S - via RW6HS for ex CIS or via W3HNK. LoTW is OK. [NG3K]

10/12/2009: John, KL7JR will be active from Kluane Lake before and after ARRL's 10 Meter Contest. If the ice is thick enough, KL7JR will activate Jacquot Island, Yukon, a new one for CIsA. Main frequency: 28.460 or 14.260 MHz. QSL KL7JR CBA. [USi]

11/12/2009: Peter XU7ACY (ex-NO2R) and Wim XU7TZG (ex-ON6TZ) will be active from Koh Russei (aka Bamboo) Island (IOTA AS-133) from 11 until 14 December as XU7KOH. QRV all bands 80-10 metres on the regular IOTA and PSK-Frequencies, using PSK, SSB and CW. QSL only direct (2US$ + SAE) to ON7PP. [NG3K]

11/12/2009: Krasimir LZ1KQ, Mustafa TA2TX, George LZ1GHT, Bogdan LZ1OB and Dimi LZ1ZX will be QRV from Turkey (WW Loc. KM38WN) in the BCC Meteor Scatter Contest (11-15 December) using the callsign YM3M. Activity is planned for WSJT, HSCW, CW and SSB on 6 and 2 metres. Equipment - 2 metre: IC910H + 3SK129priampl Ant-2x15 el dj9bv pw=QRO; 6 metre: FT957 - 50w, 5 el.yagi. QSL via operator's instructions. [F5NQL]

12/12/2009: Ghis, ON5NT will be active from Uruguay 12-17 December as CX5DNT. He will be active on HF bands. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

12/12/2009: A group of operators from Associazione Radioamatoriale Sardinia QRP Club will be active as IQ0QP/LH from Capo Sant'Elia Lighthouse (Cagliari-Sardinia-Italy) from 1800z 12 December to 1000z 13 December. A low power beacon will be active at the same time on 14.349.5 MHz (CQ CQ de IQ0QP IQ0QP). QRV on 20, 30, 40 and 80m using SSB, CW and Digtal modes. Modes as follows: 80M 3560 +/- 10 kc CW QRP, 80M 3686 +/- 10 kc CW QRP, 80M 3750 +/- 10 kc SSB QRP and QRO, 40M 7021 +/- 10 kc CW QRO, 40M 7039 +/- 2 kc CW QRPp, 40M 7090 +/- 10 kc SSB QRP and QRO, 30M 10.116 +/- 10kc CW QRP, 20M 14.061 +/- 10 kc CW QRP, 20M 14.070 +/- 10 kc Digital, 20M 14.090 +/- 10 kc Digital, 20M 14.290 +/- 10 kc SSB QRP and QRO. This activation counts for ARLHS SAR-019, WAIL SA-008, TWLHD WLH IS-015, WLOTA L-1608, IOTA EU-024, IIA SD-001, MIA MIS-035, WAIS FL15 and WW Loc. JM49NE. QSL direct to IQ0QP (QRZ.com). [F5NQL]

12/12/2009: Juergen, DL4MAQ will be active from Roemoe [aka R?m?] Island (EU-125, DIA NS-001) as OZ/DL4MAQ from 12-19 December. QRV HF

bands, CW and SSB. QSL via his home call, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

12/12/2009: Aurelio, IZ0EGM will be active during ARRL 10 Meter Contest from the Republic of San Marino with callsign T70A between 12-13 December using CW and SSB. QSL via the information on QRZ.com [NG3K]

16/12/2009: Mike, RW1AI leaves St. Petersburg on November 1st aboard the Oceanographic research ship Akademik Fedorov. By approx 16 December, Mike will arrive at 'Progress' station (AA U-03, WAP RUS-11, IOTA AN-016). He plans to be active all of 2010 as R1ANP. [F5NQL]

16/12/2009: Tom, N1CE, will be active as N1CE/KH6 from Oahu Island (USi HI-008S, WLOTA LH-1227, Honolulu County), Hawaii (OC-019), between 17 December 2009 and 6 January 2010. He states that his activity will be mobile using a Kenwood TS-480 w/100 watts, and it will be SSB only on this trip. Tom will use a bunch of Ham Sticks, G5RV and some end fed 1/2w dipoles (possibly a 160m dipole). QSL only direct to his home callsign. [OPDX Bulletin]

17/12/2009: Edor, CO7PH will be active from Cayo Coco Island (IOTA NA-086) 17-31 December 2009 and Cayo Anclitas Island (NA-201) 2-5 January 2010 as CO7PH/P. QRV around the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL direct (QRZ.com). [dx-hamspirit.com]

18/12/2009: Look for John, VE8EV to be active from the island of St. Lucia (IOTA NA-108, WLOTA LH-1336) from 18-20 December. Operation will be mostly during the RAC Canada Winter Contest which this year is being held the weekend before Christmas. All contacts are welcome during the contest, stations outside of Canada just sent RS(T) and a serial number. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Web page at: ve8ev.blogspot.com/search/label/IOTA [rsgbiota.org]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

27/12/2009: Harry, JG7PSJ (JD1BMH) and Makoto, JI5RPT (JD1BLY) will be active once again from from Chichi-jima [Jima and Shima in Japanese means Island] (AS-031, JIIA AS-031-003, WLOTA L-2269), Ogasawara Islands, from 27 December 2009 to 1 January 2010. QRV 160-10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the bureau to JD1 calls or Direct to homecalls. Web pages: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ and sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ [NG3K]

28/12/2009: Sam, G4OHX will be active as 5R8HX from Madagascar (IOTA AF-013 and WLOTA LH-2455) between 28 December, 2009 and 3 January, 2010. Activity will be mainly CW. He will also be active from South Africa as ZS5/G4OHX between 4-17 January. QSL via his home callsign direct only. [G4OHX]

02/01/2010: Edor, CO7PH will be active from Cayo Anclitas Island (IOTA NA-201) 2-5 January 2010 as CO7PH/P. QRV around the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL direct (QRZ.com). [dx-hamspirit.com]

08/01/2010: Gerry, VE6LB will be active holiday style from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, as A6/VE6LB between 8 January and 8 February. QRV on the HF bands, using low power and mostly CW. QSL via home call and LoTW. [NG3K]

08/01/2010: George, K2CM will be active from the island of Bequia, The Grenadines (NA-025), from 8 January until 12 February. QRV on 20 metre SSB/CW, maybe 40m CW. QSL via the bureau, or direct (SASE/SAE) to K2CM. [rsgbiota.org]

23/01/2010: Members of the Camden County Amateur Radio, KB4CC plan to activate Cumberland Island (IOTA NA-058, USi GA002S, Camden County), Georgia, on 23-24 January. QRV 14.260 MHz SSB, 14.040 MHz CW, 7.055 MHz CW and 7.030 MHz CW, with a multi-op, 2 radio, battery powered station. QSL via: KB4CC CCARS - USI#GA-002S, PO Box 2203, Kingsland, GA 31548. Further information can be found at www.ccars.org/ [N8OFS]

05/02/2010: Hellenic Amateur Radio Association of Australia members Tommy VK2IR, Peter VK2NN, Raffy VK2RF, Allan VK2GR, Paul VK2HV and Jeff VK3HJA will be active from Broughton Island (OC-212), 5-7 February. Expect activity on all HF bands/modes. QSL direct to VK2IR (QRZ.com). Further information can be found at: www.vi2bi.blogspot.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

25/02/2010: The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio, K6PV will be active from Santa Catalina Island (IOTA NA-066, USi CA016S, WLOTA LH-2912), Los Angeles County, California, from 25-28 February. Planned operation on ususal IOTA frequencies, mostly 20 metre SSB. May be available to work CW, RTTY and/or PSK31. Operators include Ray N6HE, Dan W6DC, Mel K6SY, Doris K6KSY, Jeff K6JW, Homer K6HKT, Ginger KG6TAU, Bob AB6SY, Joe K5KT and Marian K5KKT. QSL direct to K6PV (Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club) or via bureau. They have a special K6PV IOTA cards for the activation. Web page at: www.palosverdes.com/pvarc/ [rsgbiota.org]

05/03/2010: Look for Niels, OZ8KR to be active holiday style from Bakuto, The Gambia, as C56KR from 5-24 March. QRV 80-10m SSB with 100 W, Wires-2x36m - 12 m high - close to the Atlantic. QSL via home call, direct (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

12/12-13/12 IQ0QP/LH: Capo Sant'Elia WAIL:SA-008, WLH:IS-015, WLOL:SAR-019 WLOTA:1608 QSL HC (d)

17/12-1/6/10 N1CE/KH6: Oahu Island WLOTA:1227 QSL HC (d)

18/12-20/12 J68/VE8EV: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL HC (d/b)

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SIX METERS & UP -

2009 North American VHF WSJT Geminids Test:
The contest formerly known as the North American High-Speed Meteor Scatter Contest has been reinvented using distance scoring (as well as other appropriate rules modifications) and will be held on December 12 through December 16. This contest, going forward, will be known as the North American VHF WSJT Geminids Test. As always, it is sponsored by the WSJT Group.
Please read the Rules carefully, as there quite a few changes this year including distance scoring and the allowance of non-MS contacts (as long as they are made by WSJT).

GEMINIDS METEORSCATTER-EVENT 11st to 15th December 2009:
During the BCC-MS-Contest 2009, MMMonVHF will set up an special activity overview about 144 MHz activities and frequencies as we did in past year - have a look at:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/ms.php
We try to have the expedition and the qrgs sorted and as well a alway up to date overview map during the BCC & GEMINIDS.
Massimo, IV3NDC, did update the latest News abt. the upcoming Meteor-Showers in december here as well - tips and maximum calculation for the Geminids (GEM Max: Dec 14 0510 UTC) are on here as well!

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 27 November 2009)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

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US COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

N9QS - Roy - 5* - 12/11/2009 to 12/12/09 - SSB and CW
Return trip home from Branson, Mo: Webster, Wright, Texas, Howell, Shannon, Carter, Reynolds, Wayne, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau. From here I will probably take I-55 north to home. Bands will be 20/30/40 metres. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

N4AAT - Scottie - 6* - Dec. 14th to Dec. 18th - SSB and CW
Heading west my friends to Stone county Arkansas. Be running through upper AL, upper MS and into AR. After a stop in Stone county, I will be running a bunch of counties, in AR. I have checked the needs list and will call the people who were on the needs list first, before I run the county. CW on request. If you stated on the needs list that you wanted a county I'm in, on CW, I will run that county on CW. Please QRS when sending your call, on CW, thanks. Towing a trailer will make it harder to find a place to pull off and run CW, so be patient. If the freq is busy with good Cw operators, I will go down two and not take up net time with my slow CW. I will have 20, 40 SSB and 20, 30 40, CW, only. Can't use my tarheel because I'll be towing a trailer. Will be running a lot of upper AR counties. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

AA8R/W8TAX - 12/17/2009 to 12/17/2009 - SSB and CW
Route and counties subject to change due weather or time constraints. If we get behind, we may need to cut out some of the SE counties. We?ll start each county on 20, 40 80 SSB then CW on 20, 40, 30, 17 & 80 (3901 kHz) in that order. We will try to stay in the county until all have been worked. Starting out around 1830z-1900z. Montcalm, Kent, Allegan, Kalamazoo, Van Buren, Cass, St. Joe, Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw/Wayne, Livingston, Genesee, Saginaw & Gratiot. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs received Bureau - None to report! :o(

QSLs received Direct - 3D2KJ (SP5DRH), 3D2MJ (SP5EAQ), 5H3EE (DL4ME), A52FJJ (JA1FJJ), FM5LD (QRZ.com), HK3JJH (WF5E), KH7C (QRZ.com), LY2ZZ (WF5E), TI7DBS (WF5E), TM0M [EU-065] (F6ANA), TX5SPA (SP9PT), TY1MS (PA3AWW OQRS), UN8GV (RD3AY), VP2VVV (K5WW), VY0O [NA-230] (VE3LYC), W3FO/KH2 (JH0CEO), WN1Y/NH2 (JF1VGZ), YW5F [SA-058] (DM4TI), ZK2NX ()

QSLs received LoTW - 4U1UN, DL7FER, F9IE, FR5MV, HI3TEJ, K4M, KD6WW/VY0, RX0AE, TI5/K2PLF, TX3A, VE3XB, VE7DLM, ZW5B
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SILENT KEYS -

William A. "Bill" Wilson, K6ARO -- the first US Ambassador to the Holy See (the Vatican) -- passed away from cancer early on the morning of Saturday, December 5. He was 95. First appointed as presidential envoy to Rome in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, Wilson was appointed the first full ambassador to the Holy See in 1984, once official relations were established, serving until 1986. Read more here: www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/12/07/11234/?nc=1
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BITS & PIECES -

CR6A POR-141 logs are now online as 36 pictures of event.
We did 1817 contacts during sunday morning with 5 operators and 3 station in parallel.
Logs (and pictures) available on http://algarvedx.com/
73's
Algarve STAR DX Team

ANTARCTICA -
Andrej Zubenko, UT6UE and Yurij Bondar, UT6UF are on board of S/Y Kupava heading Antarctica.
Onboard equipments include VX1700, RTX Yaesu HF, Tuner FC-40, and a folded dipole for 80, 40 and 20 mts. They hope to be QRV on 3645-3.720, 7.090-7.130-7.185, 14.140-14.260-14.345, from 22:00 to 01:00 UTC. They have already be reported on Packet Cluster signing UT6UE/MM. Info and pics at: uarl.com.ua/news/antarctida/
TNX IT9MRM Alberto Mattei (Italian Navy)
More infos on WAP website www.waponline.it/ [I1HYW]

Scott Robbins, W4PA, to purchase Vibroplex -
Scott Robbins, W4PA, of Knoxville, Tennessee, told the ARRL that he has signed an agreement to purchase The Vibroplex Company, Inc from present owner Felton 'Mitch' Mitchell, W4OA, effective December 21, 2009.
Full story is available at:
www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/12/07/11233/?nc=1
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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